GOOD NEWS FOR HOMEMAKERS

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How to Care for Gift Plants

If you should receive a flowering plant as a gift, you can keep it healthy and attractive if you use the following care advice. Remember, however, all of these plants require extensive care to bloom again, and authorities say you should generally consider them as long-lasting cut flowers to be discarded after blooming.

General Care - Flowering plants usually need indirect bright light and cool temperatures, particularly at night. You also should provide a humid atmosphere by placing plants in a tray filled with moist gravel or sand. Water the plants, thoroughly, but only when the soil is dry. Remove withered blooms and damaged leaves.

Azalea. Keep this plant in a cool spot with bright light. It may need frequent watering, once or even twice a day, if the soil dries out.

Christmas Begonia - Full sunlight, moderate humidity and cool night temperatures will result in longer blooming. Keep the soil moist. Pinch off faded flowers.

Christmas Cactus. Keep the soil moist to promote flowering. Locate the plant in a sunny location with cool temperatures and moderate humidity.

Chrysanthemum. Placing this plant in full sunlight and watering frequently should keep it flowering for at least three weeks. Keep the soil moist.

Cyclamen. Cool night temperatures and full light are necessary to keep this plant in bloom. Place cyclamens next to a window. Check the soil frequently - it should be kept moist and well drained. Do not let it sit in a dish of water for more than half a day.

Jerusalem Cherry. Keep the plant cool in bright light and with the soil uniformly moist. (Because the fruits may cause a rash in some people, avoid excessive handling of them.)

Poinsettia The most popular plant at Christmas needs intense light and should be placed near a sunny window. It is sensitive to hot or cold drafts, too-warm temperatures or sudden temperature changes, although some of the new varieties are hardier.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK
Maraschino Cherry Cake

2¼ cups cake flour
1½ cups sugar
3 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
½ cup soft margarine
¼ cup maraschino cherry juice
16 maraschino cherries, cut in small pieces
½ cup milk
4 egg whites(½cup)
½ cup chopped pecans

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour two 9½ layer pans or an oblong pan 13 x 9½ x 2". Mix dry ingredients in bowl. Add margarine, juice, cherries and milk. Beat 2 minutes at medium speed on mixer. Scrape sides and bottom of bowl. Add unbeaten egg whites. Beat 2 more minutes. Fold in nuts. Pour into pans. Bake layers 30 to 35 minutes. Bake oblong pan 35 to 40 minutes. These may be baked in small muffin tins when being used for a party. Cool and frost with Cherry Fosting.

Cherry Frosting:
4 tablespoons butter or margarine
1 box powdered sugar
8 or 10 finely chopped maraschhino cherries
Maraschino cherry juice to make frosting a good consistency to spread. Beat in electric mixer till light and fluffy.

District Winner In Post Contest

Mrs. Susie Krantz, representing the Appomattox County Farm Bureau Women's Committee, awards a trophy to Mark Kelso for his first place district winner poster in the Farm Family Life poster contest held last Spring. Mark's poster was top winner in Appomattox County among 23 entrees and was named first place winner in the Central District at the Virginia Farm Bureau state meeting held recently in Roanoke. Mrs.Krantz is chairman of the Appomattox Farm Bureau Women's Commitee who sponsored the contest for 4th grade 4-H members in the spring of 1974.

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year Greetings

I want to wish all my friends in Appomattox and surrounding communities a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year . . . and as they read this think of it as my Christmas card to them, as I am unable to use my right hand to send cards as I would love to do.

I also want to thank everyone for being so kind to me . . . for the delicious food, cards, letters, and taking me to the doctor each week. . . and all who have visited me. Your kindness has really helped me keep going.

I also want to say to Appomattox Garment girls I miss being with them and a big thanks for what they have meant to me.

And thanks so much for the Christmas present.

DOROTHY BRYANT

Jolly spirits, happy times and the best of Christmas cheer are what we're wishing you, with our appreciation for your kind patronage.

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PEPTO Reg. $1.35 **Bismol** 8-oz. BOT. 89¢

ALKA-SELTZER **Plus** Reg. $1.19 20's 79¢

Gillette Shave **Lather** Reg. 11-oz. $1.14 Cont. 79¢

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